

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LOCATION OF THE GENERAL OFFICES OF RAILWAY COMPANIES, CHARTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

General railway
offices.

SECTION 1. From and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for any railway company heretofore chartered under the laws of this state, either to keep or to remove its general offices beyond the limits of this state, without first establishing a branch office or offices where the general business of said companies can and may be transacted ; but said companies, whether operated as originally chartered or consolidated with others, shall maintain their general offices, or branch office or offices, where the general business of said companies is transacted, within the boundaries of the state of Minnesota.

Act takes effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1873.

CHAPTER XXIX.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PAYMENT OF LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF RAILROADS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That whenever any railroad company shall contract with any person for the construction or repairing of its road, or any part thereof, such railroad company

shall take from the person with whom such contract is made, a good and sufficient bond with sureties, conditioned, that such person shall pay all laborers, mechanics, all just debts due to such persons, or to any person to whom any part of such work is given, incurred in carrying on such work, which bond, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed by said railroad company, in the office of the register of deeds in each county where the work of such contractor shall be. All persons to whom such contractor shall be indebted for work as aforesaid, and every railroad company who shall have paid any debt, claim or demand as hereinafter provided shall have an action on said bond, to the full amount of debts awarded against such contractors. And if any such railroad company shall fail to take and file such bonds, or if any contractor or sub-contractor shall be indebted for work or services as aforesaid, said railroad company shall be liable to the persons mentioned aforesaid, to the full extent of all such debts so contracted by said contractor, or pursuant to the terms of said contract. *Provided*, Such laborers, or mechanics, [or other persons] shall give the notice and take the action prescribed in the subsequent sections of this act.

Contractors to give bond for payment of debts due to laborers and mechanics.

Railroad company liable to said laborers, when.

SEC. 2. Whenever any person being contractor, or sub-contractor, employed by, or in pursuance of the terms of any contract with any railroad company for the construction or repairing of any portion of any railroad, shall be indebted to any laborer or mechanic for services rendered, such railroad company shall be liable to pay such laborer or mechanic the amount of such debt. *Provided*, Such laborer or mechanic shall have given notice to such railroad company within thirty days after such debt shall have accrued, that he has such debt. *Provided*, Such debt shall have accrued within sixty days prior to the giving of such notice. Such notice shall be in writing, and shall specify the particular nature and amount of such debt, claim or demand, and shall be delivered to the secretary or chief engineer of such company, or to the engineer in charge of the construction or repairing of that portion of the road upon which such labor was performed, either personally, or by leaving the same at the office, or usual place of business of such secretary or engineer.

Liability of railroad company.

SEC. 3. No action shall be maintained against any railroad company under the provisions of this act, unless the same is commenced within sixty days after the service of notice aforesaid.

Limitation of actions.

Repeal former
act.

SEC. 4. Chapter twenty-seven (27) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two is hereby repealed.

Act takes effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1873.

CHAPTER XXX.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE OFFICERS AD INTERIM.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. Whenever any state officer, excepting the lieutenant governor, shall be temporarily suspended from the performance of the duties of his office by reason of his having been impeached, it shall be the duty of the governor to appoint some suitable and proper person to exercise the duties of such office during the time of such suspension; which said person, before entering upon the duties of the same, shall comply with the requirements of the laws relating to the same, and during the incumbency of the said office shall be governed in the administration of the same by all laws that have been enacted for that purpose, and shall receive such compensation as is provided by law for such office.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1873.